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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002, please amend the application and consider the following remarks, as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 49, 51, 55, 56, 58 and 59, as follows:

49. (Amended) A bottom plate for a fabricated vehicle axle, comprising:

a first head portion having a first king pin bore extending through it;

a second head portion having a second king pin bore extending through it;

a body portion positioned between said first head portion and said second head

portion;

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